

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE
FT MYERS BEACH BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
TIME: 7:00 P.M
DATE: August 14, 2007
PLACE: Station Thirty-One Meeting Room
3043 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach**

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman John Scanlon, Vice-Chairman Ted Reckwerdt, Sec./Treasurer Betty Goodacre, Commissioner Joe Schmid, Commissioner Carol Morris, Chief Mike Becker, Assistant Chief Larry Evans, Financial Director Jane Thompson, Network Administrator Joe Lacroix, Administrative Assistant Jenny Magaw, Representatives from Tuscan and Company, PA, DVP District 3 Representative Troy Mesick, Union 15 Representative Ivan Bestrom, Fire Fighters, Members of the Press and Interested Citizens

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Scanlon at 1900 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion presented by Chairman Scanlon to approve the July 2007 commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt, voted on by commissioners. Motion passes unanimously.

Sec/Treas Goodacre reads the treasurer's report for the record.

Sec/Treas Goodacre asks for approval of the department checks.

Motion to approve the department checks presented by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt

Seconded by Chairman Scanlon

Motion passes unanimously

Chief's Report

Chief Becker first recognized all district employment anniversaries. Chief Becker went on to cover the accident of Engine 32, provided updated status of the construction projects, updated union negotiations, reviewed the dates of upcoming budget workshops/meetings, introduced the auditors and stated they would have a presentation later in the meeting, stated the Fire Chief Job Evaluation would be covered with Attorney Hammet in September, congratulated all employee promotions, mentioned the boundary dispute with Bonita, and finally discussed IT procurement.

Attorney Report.

Attorney Richard Pringle introduced himself and stated that the items that needed to be discussed were the following:

- DR-420/420IP establishing the New Milage rate of 2.54 needs to be approved to ensure that the 97% rollback requested by the Governor would be satisfied.
- Tentative Budget hearing date needed to be approved for September 4, 2007.
- August 27, 2007 at 10:00am would be a special meeting to discuss finance options for Stations 32 and 33.
- Clarify construction spending cap that was previously approved at the February 2007 Commission Meeting.

Chariman Scanlon restated the agenda items:

Old Business:

- Item #1 Clarify the \$10,000 Construction Spending Cap
- Item #2 Clarify June Minutes
- Item #3 Set Special Meeting, August 27, 2007 at 10:00am, with lenders to review RFP options for Station 32/33.

New Business:

- Item #1 Approval of DR-420
Item 1A-Budget Hearing September 4, 2007 at 5:05pm.
- Item #2 Tuscan and Company Audit Presentation
- Item #3 Procurements for IT Plan 2007
- Item #4 Direction for response timer report

Chariman Scanlon asked for any Public Input.

- Local resident Pat Smith communicated her thoughts on the following: A milage rate of 2.0 would be sufficient. She praised the department for the improvements and the phase in ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1

Commissioner Morris made a motion stating; as it is related to the construction for Station 32 and 33, the Chief shall have a \$10,000 authority per item to cover construction costs and related construction costs, subject to the approval of one commissioner, preferably Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt. These costs are to be used to cover items such as demolition, inspections, tapping into water sources. This motion is proposed to ensure that the construction projects continue to move forward in a timely manner.

Motion seconded by Chairman Scanlon

Attorney Pringle clarified that related construction costs would include items such as permits, demolition, inspections.

Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Item #2

No vote necessary as the June Minutes are not in dispute by Commissioner Morris or any other member of the commission any longer.

Item #3

Commissioner Goodacre made a motion to schedule a special meeting to review the finance options for Station 32 and 33 with the lenders present. Location of meeting is set for Station #31 on August 27, 2007 at 10:00.

Motion seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt.

Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Attorney Pringle is going to send invitations to the lenders to appear at the special meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the DR-420 and the DR-420 IP to set the new milage rate for 2007-2008 to be 2.54, which is in compliance with the Governor's 97% rollback value.

Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt seconds motion

Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Item #1A

Motion made by Chairman Scanlon to set the first of two Budget hearings for September 4, 2007 at 5:05 pm located at Station #31.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt.

Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Presentation from Tuscan & Company of the Completed Audit

Mr. Tuscan provided handouts for the commissioners and all attendees that laid out the current status of the District Financial Condition. A Management Response letter is enclosed in the audit report as required by the State of Florida.

Mr. Tuscan asked for questions from the board.

Item #2

Motion made by Chairman Scanlon to accept the audit as reported by Tuscan and Company.

Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt.

Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Item #3

Motions made by Chairman Scanlon to approve IT procurements in three separate motions.

Item #3A

Chairman Scanlon made motion to approve the MS 2007 Exchange Server Software. Seconded by Commissioner Goodacre. It was clarified by Joe Lacroix that he is using GSA government pricing for this item. Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Item #3B

Chairman Scanlon made a motion to approve the Document Management System for a System Total amount of \$50,000 to include the Software and Hardware. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt. Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Item #3C

Chairman Scanlon made a motion to approve the proposed plan to purchase four PC's and two Laptops for a total of \$15,000. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt. Board Unanimously approved, 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Average response time issues were clarified and determined that Chief Becker would get with Commissioner Schmid to review the times.

Union Representatives

District 3 DVP, Troy Mesick provided cell phone number to the board and anyone else who may have questions. Mr. Mesick stated he would like to go over a few concerns that District 3 has which are temporary housing of personnel during construction and running calls into Bonita.

District 15 representative, Battalion Chief Ivan Bestrom, stated there were not any current concerns from his district.

Remarks of the Commissioners:

Commissioner Morris congratulated and thanks the administration on the Audit. She thanked DVP Mesick for speaking.

Commissioner Schmid commended all employees that were celebrating anniversaries and also commended the Chief and Financial Director for the good Audit.

Commissioner Goodacre congratulated all anniversaries. She thanked Mr. Tuscan for the presentation on the audit and commended the Financial Director for her good work.

Vice-Chairman Reckwerdt commented on the good audit. Congratulated the employees with anniversaries and promotions. Expressed his concerns on the construction delays and the Town Counsel.

Chairman Scanlon congratulated all anniversaries and promotions. Also commented on the Bonita coverage.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Goodacre.
Seconded by Chariman Scanlon.

Meeting Adjured at 10:05pm on 8/14/2007.